

The development of research-based practice in the emerging profession of sonography

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Abstract

The purpose of this portfolio is to present a review of a selection of my own peer-reviewed research and scholarly papers in support of the University of the West of England generic descriptors for doctorates.

In this commentary I set out a series of linked enquiries leading to creation and interpretation of new knowledge through original research. I have sought to provide a critical reflection on my work from the balanced perspective of both a practitioner and an academic, and to demonstrate the ability to conceptualise, design and implement projects for the generation of new knowledge. Within the field of sonography my work has contributed to providing solutions for several of the current challenges facing sonography practice; created new knowledge; contributed to an evidence-base with the potential to influence policy-makers; identified key areas for future research; and helped to underpin the development of this newly emerging profession of sonography.